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- 1. REFTELS CROSSED. WE ASSUME EMBASSY DISREGARDED REFTEL R
- 2. WE WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO PROVIDE GOJ WITH ENOUGH INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY TO ALLOW MOT OFFICIALS TO MAKE THEIR VISIT PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF TECHNICAL TALKS. DUE TO SCHEDULE CONFLICTS, THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE U.S. TO SEND A DELEGATION TO TOKYO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL BE LATE JUNE. WE HOPE GOJ WILL BE ABLE TO HOST TALKS AT THAT TIME.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO GOJ THE FOLLOWING RATIONALE FOR VISIT BY MOT OFFICIALS:

INVITATION FOR MOT OFFICIALS TO VISIT U.S. AUTO COMPANY

TESTING LABS IS SEPARATE FROM OUR REQUEST THAT TECHNICAL TALKS BE RESUMED. EVEN IF SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WERE NOT IN THE OFFING, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MOT OFFICIALS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH U.S. LABS PROCEDURES, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, SINCE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS IS BEING ARRANGED, MOT OFFICIALS COULD ALSO IF THEY WISH EXAMINE THE U.S. FACILITIES AND TALK WITH AUTO COMPANY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH A VIEW TOWARD FINDING A WAY TO UTILIZE TEST DATA GENERATED IN THOSE LABS TO SATISFY GOJ REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SO-CALLED SIX IMPORTANT QUANTIFIABLE TESTS WITHOUT RETESTING IN JAPAN. THESE TESTS ARE (1) EXHAUST EMISSIONS, 10 MODE; (2) EXHAUST EMISSIONS, 11 MODE; (3) FUEL EVAPORATIVE; (4) HEAT DAMAGE; (5) EXHAUST NOISE LEVEL; AND (6) PANIC STOP BRAKING.

4. WE BELIEVE A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH THE U.S. AND JAPAN, CAN BE FOUND, (E.G., BY HAVING U.S. MANUFACTURERS' FACILITIES DESIGNATED BY NAME AS AUTHORIZED TESTING FACILITIES, OR BY HAVING THE TESTS CONDUCTED IN U.S. MANUFACTURERS' FACILITIES IN THE PRESENCE OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS, OR SOME OTHER SOLUTION). WE WOULD NOT EXPECT THE MOT OFFICIALS TO BE IN A POSITION DURING THEIR VISIT TO REACH CONCLUSIONS OR TO MAKE COMMITMENTS BUT THEY COULD TAKE BACK TO TOKYO IDEAS THAT MIGHT FORM THE BASIS FOR A SOLUTION OF THE ISSUE TO BE REACHED AT THE TECHNICAL TALKS. CHRISTOPHER

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